(c) what measures Government propose to take to bring the conditions of the National Highways in comparison with that of developed countries?

THE MINOISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Highways in the country are generally kept in a trafficworthy condition. Their improvement maintenance is a continuous process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Strengthening and widening of National Highways is taken up in a phased manner keeping in view the traffic requirements and availability of resources.

Installation of a Telephone Exchange at Vayalpadu in Andhra Pradesh

3810. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install/start a telephone exchange at Vayalpadu (Chittor district, Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) A 100 lines MAX III Exchange is already working at Vayalpadu.

Fixed Wing Aircraft and Helicopters in the Country

3811. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial number of fixed wing aircrafts and helicopters are operating in the country;

(b) if so, what is their total number, broadly classifying it into different categories on the basis of (i) capacity, (ii) vintage, (iii) country of origin; and (iv) engine technology; and

(c) what is the number of aircrafts helicopters allowed to be imported since January, 1986 upto July 15, 1987 including names of each organisation allowed to import, the type and make of each aircraft/helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Presently 350 civil fixed wing aircraft and helicopters having current certificates of airworthiness are operating in the country. Capacitywise, these aircraft can be classified as aircraft with seating capacity below 10, between 11—20, 21—100, 100—150 and in excess of 150. No vintage aircraft is operating in the country. With the exception of HS-748, Pushpak and Basant aircraft which have been manufactured indigenously by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, majority of other aircraft are from U.S.A., United Kingdom, France, Germany and Holland. These aircraft are fitted with either piston engine, turb-prop or jet engines.

(c) 49 aircraft and 52 helicopters were allowed to be imported since January 1986 to 15th July 1987. A statement giving the names of each organisation which was allowed to be imported and the type and make of each aircraft/helicopters is attached. (Appendix). [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 144).

जमालपुर रेल कारखाने में काम करने वाले रेल कर्मचारियों के लिए मनोरंजन की सुविधाएं

3812. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रतनपुर-बरियारपुर क्षेत्र के लगभग 8—10 हजार

लोग जमालपुर रेल कारखाने में काम करते हैं और कई बार लिखित रूप से अनुरोध किए जाने के बावजूद रेल विभाग ने वहां पर स्कूल, अस्पताल, क्लब, पुस्तकालय तथा खेल सुविधाओं आदि की व्यवस्था करने के लिए अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त क्षेत्र बहुत पिछड़ा हुआ क्षेत्र है और वहां पर लोगों को रोजगार देने के लिए रेलवे के सिवाय कोई और उद्योग नहीं है, क्या रेल विभाग अपने कर्मचारियों की सुविधा के लिए वहां पर उपयुक्त सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखता है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) (क) और (ख) : जी नहीं । जमालपुर में स्कूल, अस्पताल, क्लब, खेलकूद सुविधायें आदि जैसी यथा व्यावहारिक अपेक्षित सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था की गयी है । निकटवर्ती क्षेत्रों के कर्मचारी भी जमालपुर में उपलब्ध सुविधाओं का लाभ उठा सकते हैं ।

Electrification of Jolarpet-Bangalore and Bangalore-Salem Broad Gauge Rail Line

3813. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electrification of Jolarpet to Bangalore and Bangalore to Salem Broad Gauge Railway line will be completed in the present plan period; and

(b) if not, when these two works are scheduled to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Electrification of Jolarpettai Bangalore and Jolarpettai-Erode and Salem-Mettur Dam sections are approved works. Preliminary works connected with the electrification of these sections are already in progress. Electrification will be completed during the VIIIth Plan, subject to availability of resources.

Dual Charge by the Medical Superintendent, Jipmer, Pondicherry

3814. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Superintendent, Jipmer, Pondicherry is holding the charge of Head of Department of Medicine even after relinquishing the post of Professor of Medicine;

(b) if so, the reasons for holding dual charge when according to Government orders only one charge can be held at a time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Medical Superintendents of Medical Colleges of Lady Hardinge and Maulana Azad, Delhi and Jipmer, Pondicherry were not permitted in recent post to hold dual charge; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the Medical Superintendent, Pondicherry for holding dual charge in spite of the Government orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the interest of patient care and postgraduate teaching, the Medical Superintendent of Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education & Research, Pondicherry is holding additional charge of the Head of the Department of Medicine in addition to his duties as Medical Superintendent without any extra remuneration. As both the posts of Professor of Medicine were lying vacant with effect from 17-1-1987, the Department of Medicine which is one of the major specialities in this Institute